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 <p><b>REQUEST FOR CONTINUED EXAMINATION (RCE) TRANSMITTAL</b></p> <p>Address to: Mail Stop RCE Commissioner for Patents P.O. Box 1450 Alexandria, VA 22313-1450</p>	Application Number	10/690,200
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	First Named Inventor	Akram et al.
	Art Unit	2813
	Examiner Name	J. Dolan
	Attorney Docket Number	2269-4244.5US (97-1355.05/US)

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- Submission required under 37 C.F.R. 1.114

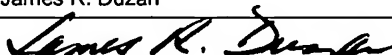
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**PATENT**

**IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE**

**In re Application of:**

Akram et al.

**Serial No.:** 10/690,200

**Filed:** October 21, 2003

**For:** METHOD FOR USING THIN  
SPACERS AND OXIDATION IN GATE  
OXIDES

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**AMENDMENT ACCOMPANYING REQUEST FOR  
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Sir:

This Amendment is submitted simultaneously with a REQUEST FOR CONTINUED EXAMINATION. Prior to examination of the above-referenced patent application on the merits, entry of the amendments as set forth herein is respectfully solicited.

**Amendments to the Claims** are reflected in the listing of claims which begins on page 2 of this paper.

**Remarks** begin on page 4 of this paper.